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## THE GAS BOARD

Holds an Interesting Meeting and Awards Coal Contract.

## INCREASE OF 19 CENTS A TON

Over Price of Last Year's Supply to Electric Light Plant—Councilmen Interview the Board for Additional Lights—Increased Appropriation Necessary for the Board—Good Showing of Wheeling's System.

There was an interesting meeting of the city gas board last night, at which appeared the council committee on lights to request the board for additional lights in certain sections of the city. Two lights were wanted for his constituents in the First ward by Councilman Scallan, and Councilman Fitzsimmons desired one for an East End alley. Aside from this matter, the board awarded important contracts.

The contract for furnishing coal to the city electric light plant was awarded to Koehnline Bros., of Bridgeport, at \$1.08 a ton, run of mine, the lowest bid. Last year Jochum & Co., had the contract at 90 cents. The increase will necessarily affect the board's finances. The bids follow:

Jochum & Co. .... \$1.08  
McConaughy ..... 1.12  
Mastor Bros. .... 1.14  
Jacob Hilton ..... 1.16  
Koehnline Bros. .... 1.08  
F. E. Jones ..... 1.40

The board awarded the tar contract to the Cambria Steel & Iron Company, of Johnstown, Pa., which offered 2-5 cents a gallon for this by-product, the highest of the four bids received. The contract begins with the new year.

Then came the request for the additional lights. The members of the board were present, as follows: President E. Buckman, Dr. H. P. Ford and Julius Pollock, with Superintendent Thompson and Secretary Schul.

The council committee's representatives were: Chairman Scallan and Messrs. Chew, Caldwell and Fitzsimmons. The board gave its promise to give the lights desired—one at the intersection of Alley E and Fifteenth street, Fourth ward; one near Mt. Wood cemetery and the other at Alley C and Seventh streets, First ward. In the discussion the board reiterated its necessity for another dynamo, estimated cost about \$5,000, and asked Messrs. Chew and Caldwell, of the finance committee, to further a larger appropriation for the gas board. At present there are seven dynamos in operation. They are supposed to carry an eighty-light circuit, but seventy-four is the maximum in use, and the number decreases in proportion to the distance from the plant.

President Buckman, in the course of the discussion, instanced the superiority of Wheeling on the light question over other cities. The board now supplies 500 lights, an increase of eighty-one over the number when the board was first elected. From the revenues of 75-cent gas, of itself cheaper than most cities, the lights cost \$47 each, while they cost \$97 in Pittsburgh, and only \$40 in Wheeling, a striking illustration of the benefits of municipal ownership when in capable hands. Further investigation would show Wheeling to be one of the best lighted cities in the country.

It was given out that the board would ask for an appropriation next year of \$105,000. One reason for this is

the advance in the price of coal and the increased wages of the employees of the gas plant. Council's supplemental appropriation paid the wage increase for five months of this year, but there will be twelve months to account for next year. Further informal discussion of this nature followed before the adjournment.

## DEATH OF MRS. KELLEY

Formerly Miss India Hornbrook, a Friend of the Soldiers of the Civil War.

Many people of this city will not recognize in the death notice of Mrs. John G. Kelley, of Philadelphia, the identity of Miss India Hornbrook, daughter of the late Col. Jacob Hornbrook. She will be remembered by the older citizens and especially the old soldiers as a woman who during the war of the rebellion devoted herself unselfishly to their comfort and who, with her father, was a warm supporter of the Union cause. She, with him in all benevolent work, was recognized as the friend of the soldier. Her interest did not cease with the close of the war. Her bounty has continued and annually the post of the Q. A. R. here has had cause to thank her.

Mrs. Kelley has been living in Philadelphia for many years, and was seriously ill for some time. The remains will be brought here for burial, of which due notice will be given.

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## IN THE CHURCHES.

First Christian church, Rev. C. M. Oliphant, pastor. Morning, Prof. Geo. Munro, of Bethany College, will preach a sermon on "The Work of Christian Women." Evening: The ladies of the C. W. B. M. will occupy the time. Short papers and addresses given in the interest of missions. An interesting programme has been arranged for the evening service. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Mission Sunday school, Thirty-first street, at 2:30 p. m. Junior Christian Endeavor, 4 p. m. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. led by Miss Jennie Jones, topic, "Teach Us to Pray." Luke 11: 1-3. Prayer meeting at church Wednesday evening. All welcome. The Sunday school will give its Christmas entertainment on Friday, December 22.

First Presbyterian church—The pastor, Rev. D. A. Cunningham, will preach at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Vance Memorial—Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., conducted by the Rev. Dr. Austin. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p. m.

Simpson M. E. church, Rev. J. W. Waters, pastor. Preaching at 11:30 a. m., subject: "The Blessings of Forgiving God." 7:30 p. m., subject: "The Un-expected Good." Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Pentecostal meeting at 4 p. m., led by Mrs. Berry. The trustees will take up a collection to aid in raising the church debt, and liberal subscriptions are invited.

Wayman A. M. E. church, Rev. D. S. Bentley, pastor, 10:45 a. m., preaching, subject, "Faith the Sustaining Element in the Christian Life." Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor Society at 6:45 p. m. At 7:45 p. m. a sermon will be delivered to young men.

First Baptist church, Rev. Martin W. Buck, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., topic, "The Old Elijah and the New." Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Sunday school at Chapel A., corner Broadway and Maryland streets, and at Chapel B., No. 2306 Eoff street, at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Sabbath school of the church is making extensive arrangements for their annual Christmas entertainment, Christmas night. The cantata, "Children of Bethlehem," will be given, in which eighty or more persons will take part, all dressed in the flowing garments of oriental lands. Including the exercises of the primary department, over 125 will take part in the exercises. Further particulars will be given next week. Particulars are also under way for suitable exercises and the annual treat at each of the mission chapels.

The Third Presbyterian church recently received ten new members, and there are prospects for more. Services to-morrow will include preaching by the pastor, Rev. R. R. Bigler; morning theme, "What is Preaching the Gospel?" evening, "Sermon to Young Men: What They Should Read."

Rev. C. H. Malony, of Zane Street M. E. church, will preach at Fourth Street M. E. church to-morrow morning, and the pastor, Rev. J. L. Sooy, D. D., in the evening, his theme being "The Divine Compassion."

North Street M. E. church—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Graham. Morning theme, "The Holy Communion and Why." Evening theme, "Your Place." Epworth League, fifth department.

meeting following the evening services. Sunday school at 2 p. m. usual meetings of the week occur. Friday is preparation day for the communion. A welcome to all who will attend.

At the Zane Street M. E. church, Rev. J. L. Sooy, D. D., will preach Sunday morning; the pastor, Rev. C. H. Malony, in the evening.

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